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NEWS-01: District Commanders 2011-2013  
Submitted by: T. Michael Bircumshaw on 9/1/2011

Shipmates,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the USSVI District Commanders for the years 2011-2013. These are the shipmates who have stepped up to provide the leadership, training, and representation of the 163 Bases currently chartered within USSVI. They are the GO-TO man in the middle and should know the answers or absolutely know where or who has the answers about USSVI and are dedicated to seeing that those asking questions get the right answers every time. These are shipmates who carry a primary duty of ensuring that communications between the Bases and your Regional Director are in place and keeping everyone in that loop informed of what is going on in USSVI. I congratulate all of the continuing and newly elected District Commanders and look forward to being of any assistance possible for the coming year.

Best,  
Michael

CENTRAL REGION: CD1 Ray Wewers CD2 Victor Vanhorn  
CD3 David Farran CD4 Wyvel 'Tom' Williams  
SOUTH EASTERN REGION: ESD1 Dick Kanning ESD2 Paul Viering ESD3 Jim Morehouse ESD4 William (Doc) Sweany ESD5 John Troia  
NORTH EASTERN REGION: ENRD 1 Thomas Shannon  
ENRD 2 Leslie P Altschuler ENRD 3 Hubert C. Dietrich  
ENRD 4 Michael Naughton ENRD 5 James Irvin  
WESTERN REGION: **WD1 Jack Messersmith** WD2 Dave Linker  
WD3 Ron Star WD4 John Mansfield WD5 George Petershagen  
WD6 Len Heiselt

USSVI By-Laws

Section 6: BIENNIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT COMMANDERS

A. The appropriate Regional Director shall conduct the District Elections every two years during the odd numbered years.  
B. The District Commanders shall be elected by a majority vote, or where appropriate, the plurality vote shall rule, of the Base Commanders in good standing within the district; the call for candidates to begin on March 1st and the results to be announced on September 1st of the election year. The Region Director will set the start and close date for the election, and each Base Commander must have at least days to cast his written or electronic ballot.

Section 7. DISTRICT COMMANDERS:

The District Commander is directly responsible to the Region Director for the conduct of organizational business within his district.

The duties of the District Commanders shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Serve as non voting members of the Board of Directors
- b. Assist the Base Commanders within their respective districts in the performance of their duties, to include providing assistance as required to insure the proper operation of base meetings and events, recruiting and retention.
- c. Appoint all District committees, committee chairman and appointed officers as required to conduct District business.
- d. Represent his respective District at official functions.
- e. Assist the Region Director with the oversight of the performance of all Base Commanders within his district; the performance guidelines having been established by the Region Director.
- f. Approve Base Constitution and Bylaws, insuring compliance with National and State laws regulating the operation of the organization within his district (i.e. chartering, maintaining non-profit status, etc.)
- g. Actively promote the establishment of new bases with the assistance of the New Base Development Committee (NBDC), including, with the assistance of the NBDC sending in to the Regional Director and NJVC a report on the well being of any new base six months after it has been formed.
- h. In coordination with his Region Director, may perform as liaison with other veteran organizations including Submarine Veterans of World War II (SVWWII) in their respective areas.
- i. Annually prepare a written report on the 'state of his district' to be given to his Regional Director with copies for publication in each of the District's Base Newsletters.
- j. If selected, may serve as a member of the New Base Development Committee.
- k. Prepare a 'Turn Over' folder for his relief, containing all information and correspondence relative to his office.
- l. Require the District Commander to create a news letter for the Base Commanders within his district on a quarterly basis. (B4-10)

Fraternally,  
Michael

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